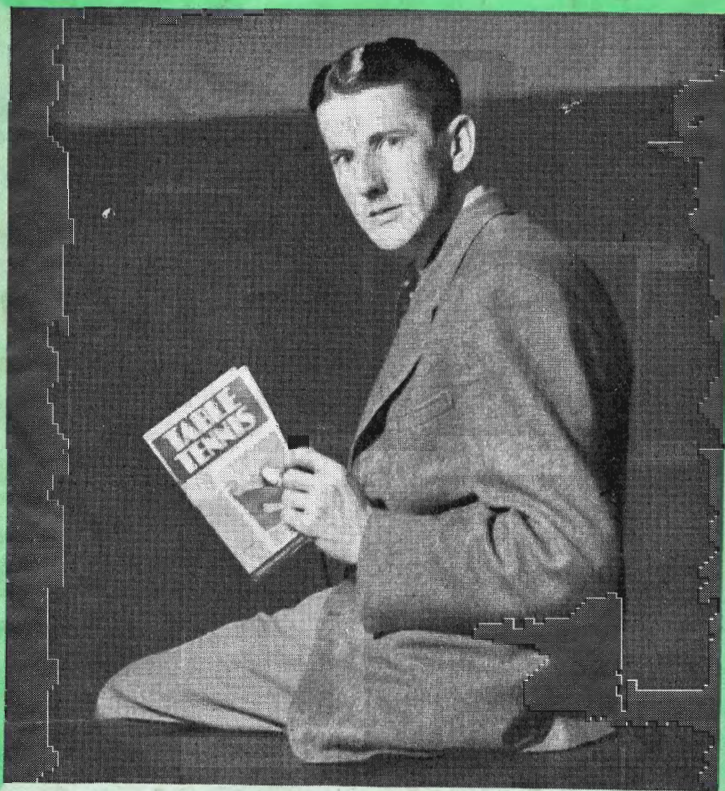


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YOUR MAGAZINE

THIS is the time of year when progressive Table Tennis people, after spending the summer months in trying to improve on last season's form, begin to see the results of their efforts. The official magazine commences a new season as every player hopes to do, by pulling something unexpected out of the bag. We have increased our size, and we present to our readers a bigger magazine which will give them better value for money. Technically, the larger page will make the editorial job a little easier—we shall no longer be playing with an inadequate run-back—and we hope that you will find the new layout more readable.

Quality is, of course, at least as important as quantity, and we have not overlooked this important point. We are hoping to widen the number of our contributors so as to give a more varied picture of the Table Tennis scene, and to feature well-known personalities whose views you will want to read. We hope, too, to find room for a little more of the doings and sayings of the ordinary man in the ordinary club. At the same time, we shall continue to print all the official news and all the important results, thus maintaining our position as **the only complete Table Tennis publication**. In short, we hope that before many months are past, you will be agreeing with us that *Table Tennis*, Volume 8 is not only bigger, but also better than ever before.

Another improvement this season is that we shall publish earlier in the month and, by lopping off a day or two of the printing process, we shall provide our readers with more up-to-date news.

We welcome to the Editorial Board **LESLIE WOOLLARD**, a professional journalist, who is already well-known to fans, particularly in Bedfordshire, and as a contributor to these pages. Mr. Woollard becomes our contact with contributors and we hope that you will send him your local news and your ideas for improving the magazine. Remember, too, that at least once in every season, something happens in every league, however small, that can give everybody a chuckle if you will send it along marked "*Odd Shots*."

GEOFFREY HARROWER brings his well-known organising flair to the new job of Circulation Manager, and will be letting local distributors know about a number of special arrangements which can be made to ensure that the magazine is particularly attractive to readers in your locality. We expect that the most popular of these will be the free stitching-in of local news sheets, which can now be undertaken where the local sale justifies the cost. You may have better ideas; if so, let the Circulation Manager know.

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An explanation is due to those subscribers who paid last season for two more numbers than were actually published. We have now reverted to the pre-war practice of suspending publication during the summer, and we shall publish nine monthly numbers this season, from September, 1949, to May, 1950. All those who subscribed for June and July, 1949, numbers will have their subscriptions carried forward to September and October this year—and will, of course, have the additional benefit of the larger magazine.

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OUR COVER PICTURE

The keen-eyed student of "TABLE TENNIS" (the Official Magazine) is **WALLY MULLER**, of Southampton.

He may fairly claim to be the best penholder-style player in this country, having completed two seasons in the Southern Division of the National County Championships without sustaining a defeat in singles. He also won the Hampshire Open Singles last season, and altogether is one of the most respected players in the South.

Possesses beautifully quick footwork and tremendous determination.

THINGS I HAVE MISSED

by *HECTOR BOLITHO*

Author of "Life of Queen Victoria"; "Combat Report—Diary of a Fighter Pilot", etc.

IN the length and breadth of the world there is no one less justified in writing about any game than myself. Indeed, now that I come to think upon this, I believe that as a sportsman I enjoy a sort of melancholy distinction. I am well into middle age and have kicked a football only once in my life. If I ever played cricket, the memory is as dim as the memory of my first tooth. I played tennis for a few seasons, thirty years ago, but then gave it up, and my golf was always so unpredictable that caddies have been known to turn their backs and laugh at me. The photograph tells you the story of my one triumph as a fisherman. Of indoor games I have played a few. A little basket ball when I was in a R.A.F. Rehabilitation Centre, and table tennis, perhaps five times in my life.

I do not boast in thus enumerating my sporting activities; I am ashamed, and deeply sorry. Also, I am now punished for my curious lack of any competitive instinct; and for my lethargy.

But I am prompted to write this article by gratitude; gratitude to your Editor, who has dazzled me with his play at table tennis, and who has also revealed to me the graciousness and unselfishness that a game like this develops in the players.

PING-PONG PURGATORY

But before I tell you about this, let me explain why I have always had a sour prejudice against what I was brought up to call ping-pong. Many years ago I had a house in the country, near an ancient building in which lived a canon and his wife, almost as ancient. They had a perpendicular gothic look about them and never once, in all the years that I knew them, did I see either of them really smile. A frosty, hollow laugh now and then; but never a warm smile. It was my duty to dine with them sometimes and, after dinner, we would descend into a sort of crypt, damp, dark and depressing, where we played ping-pong, with a slow motion intensity that made me pray for ten o'clock and decent escape.

This picture of ping-pong remained, like a damp, yellowing photograph; and when I was asked to organise a display of table tennis for an institution near London, some weeks ago, I felt the full impact of gloomy duty. I help to organise lectures and entertainment for this institution every two weeks. It gives the men in the institution something to think about, and we take down brains trusts, musicians and speakers. The audience, all men, are intelligent, well-mannered,



"My One Triumph"

and quick-witted. They have recently been allowed to play table tennis and their keenness is exciting. But there my interest ended. Some of them asked for a good professional table tennis exhibition, so I consented. I believe always in starting at the top; not through any snobbishness, but because I have found, in my life, that the men at the top of the ladder are usually more human, approachable and generous than the ones half way up. The one name I knew in table tennis was that of JACK CARRINGTON. I knew also that he had served with the R.A.F., so I telephoned him. Yes, he would come. Yes, he would bring his wife, another good player, and his own table, and give them the exhibition they had asked for.

MODERN MAGIC

I drove down with them, still feeling no more than the dull glow of duty. Now let me paint the

picture; the circle of men, in a rather sad, dull-coloured recreation hall, the table, with a blazing arc light over it, and the players walking in. I sat on a stage behind the audience and there, in a few minutes, I was amazed. That solemn game of ping-pong with the canon and his wife had nothing to do with this magic of a game perfectly played. I found myself caught up in that exciting mass emotion, with tensely and humour, and admiration for something done perfectly. I saw an audience, men whose lives are pathetically ordered and drilled and repressed, during the day, catch fire with delight and interest. I saw also this; that when people play a game well, they are usually generous, human, and unpretentious. For almost an hour I watched that exhibition; and I came away feeling that I lack something in my life; the friendliness, the generosity, the modesty, that games develop in a man.

COACHING COMRADESHIP

I was so enthusiastic then that I asked Jack Carrington if I might be allowed to visit one of his classes. So it was that one day a few weeks ago I travelled to the Gas Light and Coke Company's recreation rooms in Fulham, to see him with his pupils. I can only say that I was so fascinated that I arrived home late for dinner and was sourly frowned on by my housekeeper.

I suppose I am too old now to be drawn into this enthusiasm over a game. (Yet there was one of the pupils who was well into his fifties.) I watched them playing, pouring concentration and patience into perfecting strokes, and I felt this lack in myself all the more. Mrs. Carrington consoled me with a nice story of a man who is over seventy who came to their Morden shop, just when it was opened. He had been playing table tennis for many years and he said to JOHNNY LEACH, the present Champion, "I want to be speeded up."

"Can you come to-morrow?" asked Mr. Leach. And Over Seventy answered, "I'm sorry, I can't, because I am going to my dancing class."

With this encouraging tale, I might easily find myself taking a flat in Morden and discovering, late in life, the pleasure I have missed.

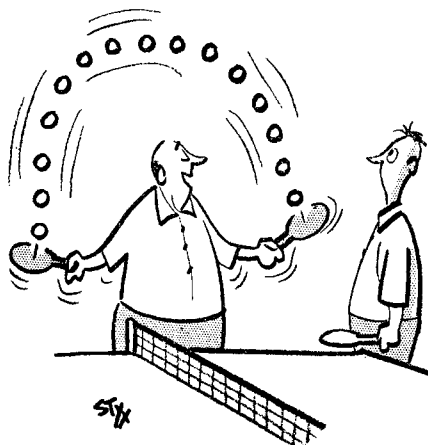
But what can I, a layman, write for a Table Tennis magazine? Of the fine points of the game I know nothing. I can but watch, with something of the wonder with which one watches a conductor with his orchestra. I can recall the coach's patience . . . coping with each pupil with the fresh enthusiasm of a beginner. Yes, that is what pleased me most. The atmosphere of cheerful friendliness, and the tense expressions on the faces of the younger players, as they listened to his instruction. There was something healthily democratic about it all, with none of that awful, drill

ODD SHOTS

THE OLD AND THE NEWARK

TABLE TENNIS youths, smartly attired in white trousers and green shirts and carrying brand new green rubbered bats, drew spontaneous cheers throughout the route of the two-mile long Newark Quater Centenary Procession, watched by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent.

Of course you know what Quater Centenary means, but for the benefit of your kid brother the



Acknowledgments to "Reveille"

gist of the matter is that this is Newark's 400th season. Of course we are referring to the township, not the table tennis league, which secretary T. J. Baker assures us is well abreast of the times!

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DAVID PIGEON, the Romford Champion, added to his laurels by winning the Billericay League singles and the doubles, with his father. He lost the Mixed final, partnered by his sister, but it is fair to say that this brace of Pigeons didn't "quail"!!

In the same evening, MRS. C. LOVE won 3 titles, all by the score of "two-love"!

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instructor pomposity that can take so much of the warmth out of learning a game.

I can write only from the point of view of the writer. As a tribe, we are inclined to be egocentric and self-contained. We do not mix enough into life. We work alone, and think alone, and perhaps miss what is so loosely described as the team spirit. I had to wait until the war, in the R.A.F., to learn what this team spirit meant. Had I played a game like table tennis as a boy, I believe I would be a richer man, in mind and character, than I am.

NORTHERNER'S NOTE-BOOK

Sharpen up your vocal chords in preparation for the numerous events ahead!

Such was the success of English players in the international field last season that there is little or no cause to fear a slump.

Compared with the North, despite the gallant Manchester contingent which won the National Team Competition, the Southerners still hold a marked superiority in individual merit, and it is felt by some that it will be a couple of years or



Destined for the spotlight?—Ronnie Allcock

so before they are seriously challenged. Nevertheless, the time will surely arrive, for since the war the North has made such rapid strides that the writing is on the wall.

North looks to Casofsky

South of the Board there are a number of players who can rise to the occasion in big-time table tennis, but this season again Norsemen are dependent on newly married BENNY CASOFSKY to maintain prestige. It's going to be a difficult task for big-hearted Benny—whose only available time to clout the celluloid ball will be at weekends—particularly as the story goes that near-veterans LESLIE COHEN and HYMIE LURIE are shelving their racquets.

RONNIE ALLCOCK, tall and thick-set, is destined to come into the spotlight and should fill one of the vacant positions. Admirers of Ronnie will be pleased to learn that he has not missed a day's practice since being released from the Forces.

By way of a silver lining, reports filter in that both ELI GOODMAN and BRIAN KENNEDY are in excellent shape. Kennedy has been somewhat of an enigma in the past. Although every opportunity has come his way he has sometimes flopped

by STANLEY PROFFITT

at crucial times. Maybe the experience in Sweden last term has had time to seep in.

Adele must improve

The same may be said of Adele Wood whose comparative lay-off during the summer is perhaps the best answer to her critics. Though equipped with perfect footwork, this young lady has yet quite a step to travel before world-ranking honours come her way. However, she and her colleagues of the victorious Rose Bowl team, DOREEN WATKINS (recently married) and VERA TAYLOR, have all it takes not only for a repeat performance but to leave their mark.

Then, of course, there are KAY BENSON and PEGGY ALLEN, whilst over the Pennines NORA SENIOR and MARJORIE LIGHTFOOT, and Northumberland's Misses SMITH and PURVES, are certain to give a good account of themselves as doubles combinations.

Losses to the forces

Merseysiders have cause to bemoan the temporary loss of ex-junior international BILL PIERCE, due for call-up in H.M. Forces any time now. On the other hand, Manchester's DOUGIE SHAW and Bradford's SONNY FORREST have been fortunate enough to link up with MICHAEL THORNHILL and are putting in some concentrated practice.

After the Junior International match against Wales at New Brighton last March, RONNIE BAKER returned very despondent. The dismal experience of not winning a game is still stored in his memory. Knowledgeable judges came away with the idea that this young man was finished as a future star, but for those who harboured doubts as to his ability to stand the strain in senior company, I can emphatically forecast a pleasant surprise. In the sweltering heat during the closed season Ronnie has added points to his game.

Another youngster who has put in hours of practice with Ronnie is Bolton's pride, DEREK ELLISON. Again, there has been that same determination to win through. Derek has done much to put Bolton on the table tennis map, but they claim they have other players equally as good. Fred Daly is one. He defeated Ellison and also Bill Pierce in a number of tournaments.

Turning to Cheshire there is a host of promising talent which can be left in the capable hands of DEREK HEAPS. Cheshire were outstanding performers in the Minor Counties' Championships last season, and as EILEEN GRIMSTONE is maintaining form, plus DOROTHY BANKS, who has had tactical coaching these last months, their prospects are brighter than ever.



“REKREATION—INSTRUKTION”

IMAGINE six table tennis tables in the big indoor lawn tennis hall you see in the picture. Then imagine just three players sharing each table for a whole week. Spacious thought? Yes, but typical of the liberal way in which the Swedish Table Tennis Association staged this year's summer training school for 18 of their best players, starting from Weine Frederiksson, their No. 5 ranker, down to juniors equivalent to our Pierce and Devereux.

Uddevalla, home of the course, is a pleasant resort something like Falmouth, but completely surrounded by a lacework of islands and lakes—the beginning, really, of the famous fjords of the Norwegian coast. In spite of these ample temptations for relaxation, none of the students played truant, and indeed they all got down to it with that Swedish thoroughness which has turned out such fine champions in various branches of athletics.

The week-end before the course I spent as the guest of Allan Eriksson, the Swedish Association treasurer, who asks me to convey his regards to all the friends he made over here during his tour as captain of the Swedish Junior team. His holiday “digs,” incidentally, consisted of rooms in a typical fisherman's cottage at a small harbour on the Swedish west coast. I journeyed there prepared to do a spot of rough camping for the week-end, but found instead that our fisherman's cottage was equipped with central heating, pastel decoration schemes, electric stove and stainless steel sink units.

Yet it really was typical, and reflects the high standard of living which prevails in this fortunate northern country, where almost every family has a summer house in addition to its town quarters. In such circumstances it will not come as such a surprise that the lucky selectees for the course were in every sense the guests of their Association—nothing to pay for the training, their hotels, even their rail fares paid from some very distant parts of Sweden.

The weather was so hot—hotter than in London, owing to that warm-hearted neighbour the Gulf Stream—and official dress for the week consisted of the shortest possible shorts and the brownest possible skins.

Swedish T.T.A. secretary Raben, treasurer Eriksson, president Extergren, and chairman Dr. Ollen—themselves got “down to it” on the table in their shorts whenever some of the lads were temporarily exhausted. To these gentlemen fell the task of translating my advice to the pupils, and as the available supply of English did not run

NOW, as the E.T.T.A. considers a national coaching scheme, this Jack Carrington article about the Swedish Summer School has a special interest.

to all the finer points of table tennis technique we often had to resort to dumb show.

On especially tricky points our conferences must have looked like a Keystone Cops film of the silent days! One result was that the officers improved as much as the pupils—which perhaps will encourage doubting league officials to stage some coaching courses for their own players?

However, after the first session the lads soon got used to my systems and my sign language. The procedure became simple; first I would reproduce their particular fault in exaggerated form, accompanied by a look of agonised disapproval, then I would execute the corrected stroke or tactical move, beaming all over my face. By the end of that week, what with pulling and pushing heavy bodies around, hopping and knees-bending and arm-swinging in super-accentuated style, every muscle in my body had a headache—except my tongue.

Reverting to serious reporting, half the class were of a standard equal to our first division county teams' No. 2 men. They were good, but such faults as they had were well and truly ingrained and needed diligent work to smooth out. Often enough it was a matter of explaining what was wanted, not by reference to any style or ideas of mine, but by demonstrating the moves of world top-liners on whom the particular pupil might model his own talents.

At this stage I found myself up against it once or twice. Polite and willing as the lads were, they found it hard to believe that the stars did certain things which I attributed to them. For instance, one pupil said that Andreadis' backhand swing never followed through higher than his shoulder, whereas I said that sometimes his follow through went straight up past his face.

An unexpected ally came to my aid. The action film of the 1949 World Championships was shown, and there, large as life, was not only Andreadis following through way above head-high, but also good old Bergmann, Miles, Sido and even Johnny Leach running just exactly true to form.

Afterwards the students told us that they understood the coaching ideas far better now they had seen the film. To which I would like to add that they understood the film far better after they had had some more coaching.

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It is a grand film, showing a good 10 minutes of Johnny Leach's great title win against Vana . . . but that is another story.

The other half of the class were juniors or ex-juniors, to whom the normal coaching procedure could be applied, and with such good facilities to follow it up I think it is fair to say that no microscope was needed to see improvement setting in.

Since returning I have been asked my opinion of the prospects of our own boys against the junior Swedes when they come here this winter. At the time I did not doubt that we could beat this particular batch; now that I have seen Pete Smith's improved form I am sure of it.

But I should not be surprised if Sweden threatens us in the junior department within a year or two. I had a warning of this when I was called upon to take a squad of ages 12-14. Although only drawn from the surrounding county area, they displayed a most studious aptitude for the game which is bound to bear fruit. Even this small squad seemed ahead of the best I have seen all over England of equivalent age, and presumably the same nursery process is going on all over Sweden.

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The four senior internationals, Flisberg, Larsson, Grive and Olsson were in Stockholm at the time of this course, giving displays in connection with the International Sports Exhibition and the Lingiad. In the middle of the North Sea I exchanged radio gossip with Johnny Leach as his Stockholm-bound vessel passed mine. He went on to join the four I have mentioned, and in spite of difficult conditions won an open-air and other tournaments in which they all competed.

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Amongst the numerous items considered by the National Executive Committee during the summer meetings were:—

SUB-COMMITTEES

In addition to the Selection Committee, which is dealt with below, a number of Sub-Committees of the National Executive have been set up. The most important of these are those dealing with the English Open Championships, Open Tournament dates and management, standards and arrangements for umpiring, and the boundaries of the County bodies adjacent to London. A list of Open Tournament dates approved appears on page 16.

SELECTION AND RANKING COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to serve on this Committee: Messrs. I. MONTAGU (Chairman), G. R. HARROWER (Secretary), S. PROFITT, T. E. SEARS, H. J. AMERY. The Committee has power to co-opt the non-playing captains of men's and women's teams at any time.

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1949/50

It was decided to hold all rounds of the English Open at Wembley (Empire Pool), play proceeding probably all day on March 9th, 10th and 11th, 1950.

The Junior Championships, boys' and girls', will be staged separately, probably at the Paddington Baths or similar hall, on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the same week, so that junior entrants can also take an active part in the senior competition.

INCORPORATION

The Special General Meeting held at Caxton Hall on June 25th, 1949, authorised the National Executive Committee to proceed with arrangements for the Incorporation of the English Table Tennis Association as a non-profit-making company. This meeting was remarkable for a masterly survey by Mr. A. K. Vint, the Hon. Treasurer of E.T.T.A., of the diverse and complicated factors involved in this important step.

AFFILIATION FEES

In the past a club which ran a team in two separate leagues was called upon to pay the annual subscription of 7s. 6d. for each team. It has now been decided that in such circumstances in future the fee will only be 5s. for each team; total 10s. instead of 15s.

NATIONAL COACHING

Negotiations are in progress and a scheme has been formulated to the Ministry of Education for approval.

BARNA TESTIMONIAL

Plans are now in hand for the opening of this testimonial fund and club secretaries will receive full notification.

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TOUR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

An invitation for four men and two women to tour Czechoslovakia during the first two weeks of October has been accepted, and the names of players selected will be published next month.

Registered Players

It is regretted that the name of Mr. R. MARKWELL was not included in the list of Registered Players approved by the National Executive Committee for Season 1948/49. His application was approved early in the season and the omission was purely accidental.

Names of players accepted for Registration for Season 1949/50 will be published next month.

How Go The Counties?

Our map shows the number of registered players in each county, the white areas being, in effect, the "black spots." Now we've done something like this before, but since then there has been a tremendous upward surge in membership and a grand development in county associations.

But although this map is based on facts, it is apt to be misleading. The point that is apt to be overlooked is that a heavily populated county should *always* have a higher membership than a county with a smaller population. To take an extreme example, if the *entire population* of Rutland (17,000 odd) were registered members, it would still be less than the present registered membership of Middlesex.

Unless we remember this, we shall fail to appreciate the sterling work done by countless organisers in the less favoured areas. We must compare the registered membership of a county with its population to get a fair comparison.

The official handbook gives the registered membership for the whole of England as 75,000 which of the entire population of 37 million odd gives a percentage of 0.2

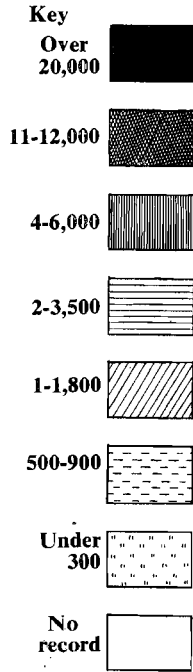
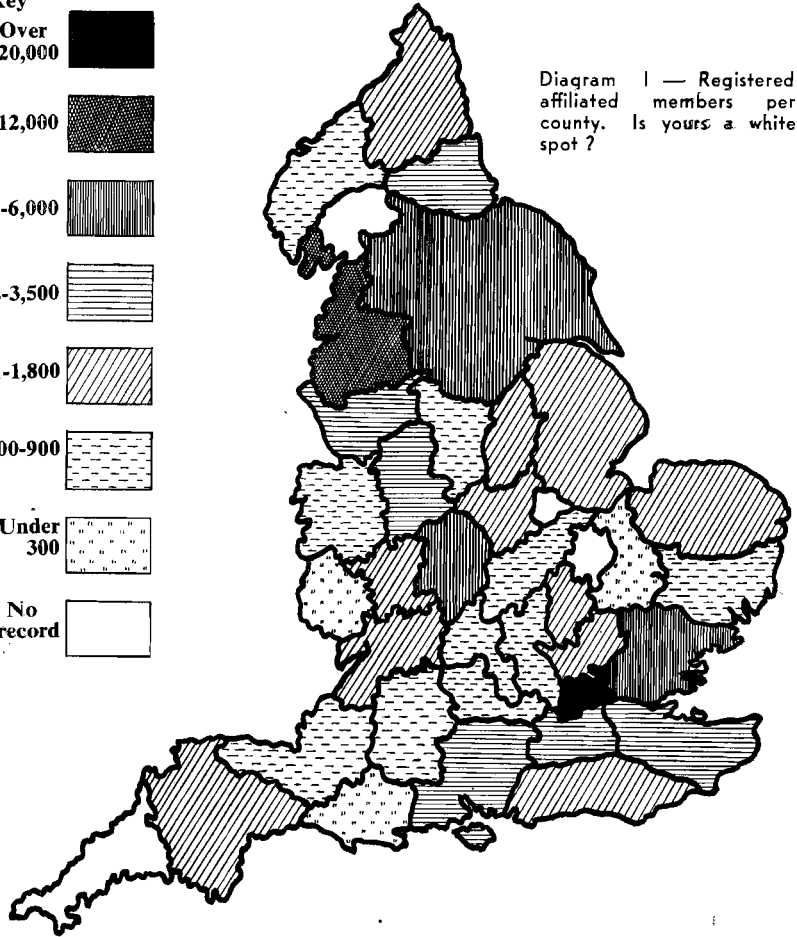


Diagram 1 — Registered affiliated members per county. Is yours a white spot?



55	Bedfordshire (55)
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40	Worcestershire (40) Herts (39)
35	Middlesex (55) Bucks (33)
30	Norfolk (31) Wilts (30) Warwick (28) Kent (28)
25	Salop (25) Oxford (24) Lincs (24) Devon (24) Essex (23) Glos (23) Lancs (22) Hants (22) Sussex (21) Berks (21) Cumberland (20) Surrey (20)
20	Cheshire (19) Durham (18) Leics (19) Notts (19) Suffolk (17) Northumberland (17)
15	Northampton (15) Somerset (15) Staffs (15) Yorks (15) Hereford (13) Dorset (12)
10	
5	Cambs (7) Derby (7)
NIL	Cornwall Hunts. Rutland Westmorland

Diagram 2: Number of Players per 10,000 Population. (Some towns and centres in the "NIL" section are attached to adjoining counties or towns).

(point two), or in other words, 20 registered members for every 10,000 head of the population.

Now in exactly the same way, we can work out the registered membership for each county, so that we shall eventually have a reasonably accurate comparison. The results are tabulated in Diagram 2.

To be absolutely fair, even these figures should be

"weighted," population being related to the land area. For instance, Yorkshire has roughly two-thirds the population of Middlesex, but the variation in the land areas is outside comparison.

Looking at these results, it is obvious that there is still tremendous scope for area development. There are, for instance, four counties with a combined total of half a million population, and yet without a single registered member in league! Is it credible?

There are 236-odd affiliated leagues in England, but when one realises that a league can be organised with as little as four or five clubs, this isn't so high. With the right effort that could easily be doubled, and each county association should seriously consider what they can do for league promotion. There are several centres of unorganised table tennis, and each county executive should be alive and eager to foster organisation and growth.

Enthusiasts everywhere, look at Diagram 2. Where is your county placed? If it's under the 20 Index Mark, then in most cases something can be done. Perhaps you are the one to do it.

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RICHARD BERGMANN and VICTOR BARNA set sail on June 21st from Tilbury bound for Australia and New Zealand, where a two-month tour had been arranged by the respective national associations.

There "joint cargo" of eight world singles titles proved a welcome import down under, where up to now table tennis has not had justice done, largely because of the lack of great figures to interest the gentlemen of the Press.

True, there is Szabados, now naturalised Australian, and he has done a lot of good work to spread the love and knowledge of the game. But without world-class stuff to keep him company it is not surprising that his speed has suffered. Szabados' partner in the Australian team for the so-called "Test" matches was Dr. Lowen, originally a Pole. The native Australians, with their love of ball games, should in due course be able to give a very good account of themselves, and the present tour will undoubtedly speed up the day when the Aussies and Anzacs can challenge the stars of Europe.

After a comprehensive, and no doubt "exhaustive" tour of Australia, involving hectic plane trips and road journeys almost daily, Bergmann and Barna, accompanied by Mrs. Barna, went on to Auckland and are now engaged in a tour of the two islands which will last until September 27th.

Details of the two "Test" matches against Australia are not to hand, but both were won 5-0 and it is clear that the Australian representatives, although no mean exponents, were no match for two such champions as those wearing the E.T.T.A. badge.

The New Zealand table tennis authorities, determined to make the most of the visit of their distinguished guests, have organised a tour which includes at least 25 different playing engagements, not to mention incidentals like government receptions, filming sessions, and chats on the "Women's Hour" on the radio. Some of the names of their "away" fixtures have a tang of romance about them—they must play, for instance, at such places as Hutt Valley, Hawkes Bay, Nelson and the Bay of Plenty.

Four England v. New Zealand "Test" matches are in the programme, and although the opposition should not present any worries to the two "B's," the interest aroused will give an extra fillip to the already fine organisation of the New Zealand Association, which numbers nearly 1,000 clubs.

The tourists have been invited also to spend a fortnight in Singapore and Straits Settlements on the way back to England.

A HOP TO HUNGARY

by Peggy Franks
(English International
World Doubles Champion,
1948)

JUST about the time that most of you were tucking your bats away for the summer—the second week in May to be precise — BETTY STEVENTON, JOAN CROSBY, and I flew to Hungary to play the challenge round of the Europe Cup.

I expect my feminine readers, especially those who are nursing hopes of going to Budapest this winter for the world championships, are waiting for me to tell them about the shops. Well, I certainly don't think you will be disappointed. Food shops in particular were groaning with their loads of high class delicacies.

Clothing in price ran about even with our own.

U.S. SUSPENSIONS

THE UNITED STATES TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION last May announced that they had suspended several players, including three of their current Swaythling Cup team, following complaints of lack of discipline during matches at home and abroad.

The three Swaythling Cup players were: RICHARD MILES, 5 times U.S.A. singles champion, MARTIN REISMAN, present English Open Champion; these two were suspended for "failing to appear when called for matches during the World Championships at Stockholm."

DOUGLAS CARTLAND, the left-hander who played No. 3, for alleged "arguing with officials at Stockholm and for failing to take part in the U.S. National Championships this year."

In addition to the suspension, which is for a definite period of one year, the above three players have been instructed to repay to their Association a sum of about £50 each, representing a certain part of the expenses of their European trip. Failing, the suspensions will continue indefinitely.

Subsequently the U.S.T.T.A. announced the suspension of two further players, ARNOLD FETBROD and ALBERT NEUBERGER, for alleged "conduct detrimental to the game and to the U.S.T.T.A."

It is, of course, not unprecedented for individual players to get out of step with the principles or policy of a National Association. However, in the end, the individual usually comes to see the wisdom and importance of conforming to the rulings of his Association. We hope that it will prove so in these cases and trust we shall see these attractive players in action again before long.

Meanwhile, it is our pleasure to record that nothing but the highest praise has been heard for the bearing and courtesy of the U.S.A. Captain, JIMMY McCLEURE, and the vivacious women's trio, PEGGY McLEAN, THELMA THALL and MILDRED SHAHIAN.

but in quality showed no advantage. Joan Crosby and Mr. Montagu showed decided weakness in the matter of the thick cream pastries on sale everywhere; Betty and I were more interested in the clothes shops, although the unlimited supplies of shelled almonds proved quite a drain on our small currency allowance!

... Have I forgotten anything? Oh, yes, the table tennis! After all we did go out there for a match. It is past history that we lost this final by two matches to five, although if Betty Steventon had only had a little luck in one of her two deuce games against KIRALY, after winning the first to 7, it might have been a different story. Never mind, both Betty and Joan played up well and were grand team-mates.

The playing conditions were not what we are accustomed to in England for an international match. Tables were dark and rather hard surfaced; as the lighting was decidedly sparse by our standards defensive tactics did not pay at all. I understand, however, that great efforts are being made to ensure high standards for the forthcoming world events. As, in addition, Hungarian hospitality is world-famed, I feel sure the lucky ones to travel next January really will be "lucky ones."

Apart from the excitement of the match, it was the first air trip for us three girls and we felt just a little insecure as we watched the English white cliffs fade from view.

However, we soon forgot to worry as we became involved in the task of learning to count up to 21 points in Hungarian!

When we touched down in Prague the first person we saw was JOHNNY LEACH, himself waiting for a plane back to England after his victorious trip with BARNA to Bratislava to win the men's Europe Cup. Red tape would not allow us to leave the airport, but we were able to exchange greetings with VANA and SLAR, who kindly came to welcome us.

IVOR MONTAGU was our captain, trainer, interpreter and what-have-you, and we were in fact the first English sports team of any sort to play against post-war Hungary.

A Russian aircraft took us on to Budapest, where a friendly party met us, amongst whom was the old world champion of 20 years ago, ZOLTAN MECHLOVITS.

Champion County v. The Rest

A Letter to the Editor

This White Clothing

I HAVE heard and read a lot in favour of white clothing for table tennis. I have heard a lot more against it—but where are the “cons” when it comes to writing? A vast army of them, and none putting anything in print.

I am “anti-white clothing.” Definitely anti. I don't think it insights my opponent, it doesn't me! My opponent moves with the rhythm of the game—but the man on the next table! He dashes in and out of the corner of my eye, the white streak! An intermittent distraction.

Imagine a tournament—all competitors strolling about in white! Rushing to play on the next table! Hanging their coats on the umpire's chair! And you 16—19 down! No! a thousand times no! Stop this nonsense. It is impossible.

A spectacle? It is an eyestrain for thousands at Wembley watching the little white ball. The glare of the white shirts didn't help there. White shirts and grey flannels? No, please. Next door to waistcoats or braces, by gad!

Finally, think of the changing-room conditions of most of the places we play—including open tournaments. Imagine white at the M. H. . . . ! What chance of arriving on the floor still in white?

The frequency with which we play! Our laundry bills! Our wardrobes! Nothing is worse than dirty whites.

No, the present rules are adequate. They should be enforced, strictly—and please, players, take a little more pride in your appearance, and all this nonsense may stop. R. ATHERTON.

To Be Played In White

The International Federation having asked each member county to stage one event in their county in all white clothing, the Champion County versus The Rest of England match seemed to the County Championship Committee an ideal chance for England to honour its obligation, and the necessary permission from the E.T.T.A. National Executive Committee was readily forthcoming.

Opinions may vary as to the practicability or otherwise of white as related to Table Tennis, but none will deny that it is right to undertake the experiment, and there are bound to be many fans who will want to witness what may be the first and last match of its kind in this country.

The Paddington Baths is the venue, and Friday, 21st October, the date. A 7 p.m. kick-off, and tickets reasonably priced at 7s. 6d. and 5s. (reserved) and 3s. (unreserved). There is a special reduction to County Association members, the reserved seats being available at 6s. and 4s. respectively.

The Middlesex team has not yet been selected, but they will have to pull out something special to overcome the formidable array of talent which will be lined up against them. Captaining the Rest team will be none other than our own World Champion, JOHNNY LEACH, and he will be supported in the singles by those two other well-known international campaigners—BENNY CASOFSKY and AUBREY SIMONS. Another world champion in PEGGY FRANKS will be the ladies' singles player, and, in the ladies' doubles, she will be partnered with another Corbillon Cup star in PINKIE BARNES. The side will be completed by the well-known Birmingham brother and sister combination, BOBBY and JEAN MACKAY, who will be on duty in the mixed doubles.

Tickets are now available, and may be obtained from G. R. Harrower, at 68, Gloucester Road, New Barnet, Herts. The address of the Paddington Baths is: Queensway, Bayswater, W.2, and many bus routes pass within 30 seconds of the door.

1948-49 Finale : The Bucks Open

at Slough, May 21st-22nd, 1949

The last tournament of the season, held on a broiling May week-end, might well have been expected to encounter a certain apathy on the part of competitors and spectators.

Nothing could be farther from the truth in the case of this year's “Bucks Open.”

Slough Community Centre revealed itself as a minor Mecca of table tennis fans, who came from Manchester, Gloucester, Salisbury and all places within hiking distance.

SCORES OF FINALS

M.S. R. Bergmann bt. J. Leach: 21—17, 15—21, 21—12.
W.S. Mrs. D. Heading bt. Miss L. Barnes: 21—16, 21—17.
M.D. J. Head and K. Hurlock bt. M. Thornhill and B. Crouch: 21—18, 21—17, 21—14.
W.D. Misses D. and R. Rowe bt. Miss E. Benstead and Miss J. Roberts: 21—19, 21—18.
X.D. K. Craigie and Miss R. Rowe bt. L. Adams and Miss D. Rowe: 17—21, 21—18, 25—23.
Junior Boys. P. Smith bt. M. Isaacs.
Junior Girls. Winner: Miss D. Rowe.

SURREY HOPES

SURREY appear to be in the same position and have the same problems as last year. The “Rons,” Sharman and Crayden, are playing again after a long rest and the Wimbledon boys are still cutting each others' throats in their attempts to get to the top. The new county boundary brings in a lot of competition for the ladies' positions in the county teams, notably Jean Malget and Peggy Piper. Trials will be held at Wimbledon Y.M.C.A. on the 10th September, the Juniors starting at one o'clock. The selection committee are hoping for some new discoveries.

The first County Match is against Essex, who will be fielding the World Champion. This will be at the Wimbledon Baths on Monday, 10th October, and it is hoped that last season's defeat at Plaistow can be reversed.

Surrey are hopeful of a good season in all three divisions, although it must be admitted they are not yet full of confidence.

There is a distinct shortage of junior girl players—parents, bring your daughters out!

MY BAT HAS A MIRROR

REFLECTIONS, AS SEEN BY LESLIE S. WOOLLARD

LIKE the moaning after the night before, caustic denigrations have puddled the passages of more recent Open Tournaments. Unprecedented entries have put a Dis- before many organisers and produced a grouse of table tennis that shoot from the lip.

At this point MR. D. OAKENFULL, of East Dulwich—who last wrote to us from the Outer Hebrides—heaves-to and looses an 8-page salvo. Attaching no particular significance to his blue paper, every sportsman's red rag catches the eye.

"Highly unfair," asserts Mr. Oakenfull. "A tournament which exempts 16 people for 4 rounds isn't a proper tournament at all," and then that irresistible sly dig against "well-known players and current or Ex-Internationals."

While whisky, this particular plaint is different however, for Mr. O. is a paragon of any wailing list. First, because of his immense trouble taken to secure facts and secondly, for the always acceptable reason of a sincere enthusiasm to safeguard the best interests of the game.

He analyses one Open Tournament (which is typical of most regional opens). Of 222 entries in Men's Singles, 16 players were exempted for 4 rounds; of the 32 players left in the 5th round, therefore, half had worked their passage while the other half were playing for the first time. In the Junior Singles entry of 122, 3 players were exempted until the 6th round, that is, the last 16.

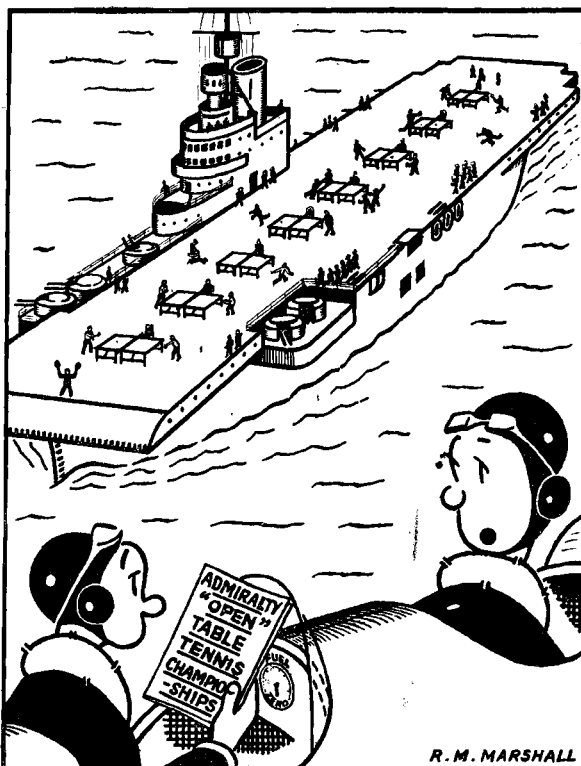
Without argument, where do we go from here!

Well, Mr. Oakenfull puts the responsibility (not without precedent!) fairly and squarely on the E.T.T.A., "who know about these practices and yet allow them to go on." Blame the Government even if the people are responsible for the government they get . . .

In the friendliest of ways, Mr. O. and I part company at this point, for it suggests a "couldn't care less" attitude which just doesn't exist.

Mr. Oakenfull's letter is dated July 26th . . . Meanwhile (as the strip cartoons so usefully say), the Scene is Table Tennis Whitehall in early 1949 . . . a Sub-Committee is formed to draft regulation for Open Tournaments, on the terms that " . . . Open Tournaments are sanctioned by the National Association, which has a duty to see that conditions are maintained at a suitable level."

A great deal of matter was sifted, and a bulky referendum was issued to the responsible officials throughout the country in April, 1949; the exemption matter was one of the many points specifically mentioned, indicating that it might be cut out unless sufficient evidence was forthcoming. Four months before Mr. Oakenfull wrote his letter.



"These Two-day Tournaments are a bit of a nuisance."

Mr. Oakenfull illustrates the crusading spirit for ever seeking to better a great sport. It is the majority, the ordinary club player, the enthusiast, etc., who makes the foundation of the game.

Rest assured that the game will be cleaned up. But do not rest. Remember that the National Executive is the crystallised integration of all affiliated members—to blame the E.T.T.A. is to blame yourself.

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"Join the Navy and play Table Tennis round the world."

ADMIRAL SIR LIONEL HALSEY, a great sportsman, recently told me of the "terrific battles" he used to enjoy with Earl Jellicoe on the Iron Duke during the First World War. There's a line about Senior "Service" here somewhere.

Now we hear from B. D. GEORGE (previously of Caerwent T.T.C.), who now represents H.M. Dockyard in the Singapore Junior League. He tells us there is quite a lively organisation all keenly waiting Barna and Bergmann's homeward visit. All matches are played in one hall containing four tables; keen enough, but he misses the intimate spirit of home clubs.

NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1949-50

Another big increase in membership

No less than 38 teams from 25 counties will be competing in the County Championships this season, compared with the modest beginning two seasons ago of 19 teams from 15 counties, a more than satisfactory rate of progress.

It is too early in the season yet to intelligently discuss the chances of the various counties, and I hope to give you the latest news of counties' registrations in the October issue of *Table Tennis*. In the meanwhile, however, you will want to know how the various divisions are made up.

PREMIER

Yorkshire having been successful in withstanding the challenge of Cheshire for a place in the Premier division, there is no change in the composition of this division, the contestants being:—

ESSEX	SURREY
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	WARWICKSHIRE
LANCASHIRE	YORKSHIRE
MIDDLESEX	

JUNIOR

Perhaps pride of place should be given to the fact that a Junior Division of the Championships has been formed, with seven Southern Counties in membership for the first season. Travelling and financial difficulties have so far prevented the Northern Counties from joining, but it is hoped that this will be remedied in the next twelve months. For the time being, therefore, the seven counties, all playing "official age" juniors (under 17 on July 1st, 1949), are:—

BEDFORDSHIRE	KENT
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	MIDDLESEX
ESSEX	SURREY
HERTFORDSHIRE	

The Rules are the same as for the senior competition, and there should be some useful opportunities of training our better young players on to International class.

NORTHERN

Last year seven counties competed in this section, but there was a general desire for a reduction in travelling, so only four of the counties will compete in this particular division this season. These are:—

CUMBERLAND	YORKSHIRE
DURHAM	(North and
NORTHUMBERLAND	East Riding)

Yorkshire have taken the bold move of splitting their second team, also to avoid excessive travelling, and I believe that they intend to use every opportunity to bring along their junior talent. There should be some keen battles in this division.

by

Geoffrey

Harrower



NORTH MIDLAND

The remaining teams from last season's Northern Division will be found in this section, together with two teams from the Supplementary Division, making six teams as follows:—

CHESHIRE	LINCOLNSHIRE
DERBYSHIRE	YORKSHIRE
LANCASHIRE	(West Riding)
LEICESTERSHIRE	

There are three more divisions, and these have been left till last because, in each case, there are new counties competing. The most sensational entry is in the

SOUTHERN

where we find DEVONSHIRE as competitors. All efforts to form a South-Western section were frustrated, but nevertheless the keenness from Devon would not be denied, and the Executive Committee have accepted them into the Southern Division, with the proviso that the four other counties are not compelled to play in Devon if they feel unable, for financial reasons.

Final decisions have not been made in all cases, but we are very pleased to report that both Kent and Surrey have agreed to travel. Further news will be given next month. Competitors:—

DEVONSHIRE	SURREY
HAMPSHIRE	SUSSEX
KENT	

EAST ANGLIAN

This was another division formed after initial difficulties had been overcome. In this instance, both Essex and Lincolnshire found themselves unable to compete in this section, so Middlesex, although not very well geographically placed, stepped into the breach in order that a division could be formed and let in two very keen new counties, Norfolk and Suffolk. Each of these counties has at least one first class player, ERIC FILBY being available for Norfolk and JEAN BOSTOCK for Suffolk. Teams:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE	NORFOLK
MIDDLESEX	SUFFOLK

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THE WELSH PROSPECT

by Nancy Roy Evans, Hon. Sec., T.T.A.W.

ALTHOUGH it is early yet to say much about our prospects for the new season, there is any amount of indication that the Association will continue to grow. We have had quite a lot of correspondence during the close season from new organisations hoping to start up. In particular we are very happy about the extreme west, where, although there are a few large towns, there is a great deal of enthusiasm, and the Haverfordwest and Milford Haven people are doing all they can to spread the gospel.

We intend to be represented at Budapest for the World Championships, and will soon be launching various schemes to raise the necessary funds.

Wales will be playing against England at Plymouth on January 14th, whilst our Junior match is in Wales on April 1st. Scotland are due in Wales and we are inviting them to come for the Welsh Open which is to be on December 9th and 10th.

Our popular match against Ireland may be staged in North Wales, where we have the beginning of what looks like being an enthusiastic branch. Of course, we are somewhat handicapped having so little in the way of towns in Mid-Wales. It leaves a difficult gap. *There are some mountains that even Table Tennis organisers cannot move!*

As far as players are concerned, we expect to have JOHN DAVIES, STAN JONES and MONTY SMITH still available; all three have kept up their table tennis throughout the summer. John's hitting appears to be settling down now—more "along the line" of the ball, rather than the somewhat exaggerated American style which he was so keen on towards the end of last season.

Junior Champion MICHAEL JONES has also been hard at it. Our new last year's cap, GLYN MORGAN, is a keen cricketer and we have not heard if he has been playing any table tennis.

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HOME COUNTIES

With Cambridge and Middlesex transferring to the East Anglian Division, the Home Counties' section has been reinforced by yet another newcomer, in the shape of Berkshire, who do not, in their initial season, aspire to great heights, but rather to build the game up in the area. Teams:—

BEDFORDSHIRE	ESSEX
BERKSHIRE	HERTFORDSHIRE
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	

Readers will now be familiar with the set-up, and I trust that they will follow with interest the progress of the championships, in person, if matches are in your neighbourhood, but in any case through your Magazine.

International News

WORLD RANKING LIST

In July the International Table Tennis Federation issued the following "Provisional Ranking List," which will be subject to revision next January before the final seedings are made for the new World Championships.

Men :

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| 1. | J. LEACH ... | England |
| 2. | B. VANA ... | Czechoslovakia |
| 3. | F. SIDO ... | Hungary |
| 4. | J. KOCZIAN ... | Hungary |
| 5. | R. MILES ... | U.S.A. |
| 6. | M. REISMAN ... | U.S.A. |
| 7. | F. SOOS ... | Hungary |
| 8. | I. ANDREADIS ... | Czechoslovakia |
| 9. | R. BERGMANN ... | England |
| 10. | G. AMOURETTI ... | France |

Women :

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|-----|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | G. FARKAS ... | Hungary |
| 2. | P. McLEAN ... | U.S.A. |
| 3. | A. ROZEANU ... | Rumania |
| 4. | K. HRUSKOVA ... | Czechoslovakia |
| 5. | G. PRITZI ... | Austria |
| 6. | H. ELLIOT ... | Scotland |
| 7. | P. FRANKS ... | England |
| 8. | L. NEUBERGER ... | U.S.A. |
| | (Thall) | |
| 9. | E. FUERSTOVA ... | Czechoslovakia |
| 10. | M. SHAHIAN ... | U.S.A. |

Teams :

- | Men | Women |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Hungary | 1. U.S.A. |
| 2. Czechoslovakia | 2. Hungary |
| 3. U.S.A. | 3. England |
| 4. England | 4. Czechoslovakia |

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There were 512 entries in the Moscow Championships of 1949.

Men's winner was again F. DUSHKESAS;
Women's, A. KONDRATYEV.

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MISS ANNA SIPOS, World Champion twice in singles, six times in doubles and three times in mixed, has been appointed non-playing captain of the Hungarian women's team for the coming World Championships.

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The KOREAN T.T.A., which claims 10,000 playing members, has been in touch with the I.T.T.F. with a view to participating in the next World Championships.

They have great faith in the capacity of their champion, CHOE KOHN-HAHNG, holder of the Far East and Pacific Coast titles, to give a good account of himself.

THE WAY AHEAD, 1949-50

The tournament calendar gets under way early this year with the East of England Open at Skegness, and thereafter there will not be much rest for the ambitious youngster or the die-hard senior.

The first purely local campaign for Londoners is not until the Eastern Suburban at Ilford on November 7th-12th, which probably means that Londoners will have more time than usual to spare to attack some of the earlier provincial titles listed below.

Our junior readers are well catered for in most of the tournaments—in fact some organisers are showing praiseworthy enterprise in this respect.

Yorkshire County is holding a special Junior Open Championships later in the season, in March. Some "Open" programmes run separate junior contests for boys and girls, others mix them up on the "free for all" basis.

While we are awarding a special medal to the North Midland (September 30th—October 1st) for staging a Junior Doubles which can be competed for by boys, girls, or mixed pairs, spare a moment to raise the hat to the Birmingham Open (October 20th—22nd), the only tournament outside the Metropolis which runs a Veterans' event. Sex in this case is not mentioned!

JUNIORS TAKE NOTE!

The correct qualification for entry into official Junior events is:

The competitor for the coming season's competitions must have been under 17 on July 1st, 1949.

Key to our Diary: **JB**—Junior Boys' Singles
JG—Junior Girls' Singles
JSX—Junior Singles open to both sexes (*Hard Luck, boys!*)
JDX—Junior Doubles open to both
VS—Veterans' Singles.

All tournaments will include the usual 5 senior events, Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

Date	Tournament or Event	Venue	Tickets or Information from:
Sept. 24-25	... East of England Open (JB, JG)...	Butlin's Holiday Village, Skegness ...	Mrs. Merryweather, c/o Ruston-Bucyrus, Ltd., Lincoln.
Sept. 30-Oct. 1	... North Midland Open (JB, JG, JDX) ...	Eriksson's Telephone Works, Victory Road, Beeston, Notts. ...	H. Vickers, 31, West End, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.
Oct. 14-15	... Yorkshire Open (Senior events)	Thos. Holdsworth Welfare Club, Drighlington, Nr. Bradford ...	A. P. F. Cook, 54, Lines Way, Barnsley, Yorks.
Oct. 21	... Champion County v. Rest of England ...	Paddington Baths, Queensway, London, W.2 ...	G. R. Harrower, 68, Gloucester Road, New Barnet, Herts.
Oct. 20-22	... Birmingham Open (JB, JG, VS) ...	Indoor Sports Stadium, Pershore Road, Birmingham ...	M. Goldstein, 415, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12.
Oct. 29-30	... Sussex Open (JB and Consolation Singles) ...	Pier End Pavilion, Hastings ...	C. Senior, Flat 2, Quarry Bank, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
Nov. 5	... Hull & East Riding Open (JSX) ...		H. Flinton, 28, Albert Avenue, Anlaby Road, Hull.
Nov. 10	... IRELAND v. ENGLAND ...	Belfast ...	N. Wilson, 128, Sandown Road, Belfast.
Nov. 11-12	... Ulster Open Champs. ...		
Nov. 7-12	... Eastern Suburban Open ...	North Ilford L.T.C., with finals at Ilford Baths Hall ...	A. J. P. Leeks, 21, Rutland Road, Ilford, Essex.
Nov. 19-20	... South of England Open (JB, JS) ...	to be fixed ...	C. E. Bourne, 46, Elm Park Gardens, Selsdon, Surrey.
Nov. 30-Dec. 3	Merseyside Open (at Liverpool).		Feb. 13-18 Middlesex (Herga) Open.
Dec. 2-3	Pontrefact Open.		23-25 Midland Open.
Dec. 9-10	WELSH OPEN (at Cardiff).		Feb. 27-Mar. 4 Surrey Open.
Dec. 10	Bournemouth Open.		Mar. 4 Yorkshire Junior Open.
Dec. 16	ENGLAND v. FRANCE (at Wolverhampton).		7-11 THE ENGLISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (in London).
1950			17-18 West of England Open (at Torquay).
Jan. 2-7	Metropolitan Open.		25 Grimsby Open.
Jan. 14	ENGLAND v. WALES (at Plymouth).		April 1-2 Buckinghamshire Open (at Slough).
Jan. 22	Kent Open.		8-10 North-East England Open.
Jan. 23-28	South London Open.		12-14
Jan. 29	Southampton Open.		and 17-22 West Middlesex Open.
Jan. 29-Feb. 5	THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Budapest).		April 1 WALES v. ENGLAND JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL (in Wales).
Feb. 11	North of England Open.		May 1-6 Thameside Open.

N.B.—Lancashire Open, Cheshire Open, and Hampshire Open, details not yet available.